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FROM NEA/ARN, DRAPER

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SUBJECT: SYRIAN JEWRY

REF: DAMASCUS 4800

1. SECRETARY RECOMMENDED PAROLE AUTHORITY IN LETTER TO ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND BALL IS IN THAT COURT. I CANNOT GUARANTEE AGREEMENT TO PAROLE BY AUGUST 1 AND, AS INDICATED IN AN EARLIER CABLE, SOME DELAY IN DAMASCUS MAY BE INEVITABLE.

2. SINCE THE PROXY MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENT IS OVERT AND ABOVE BOARD, I UNDERSTAND THAT FIANCE VISAS WILL HAVE TO BE GRANTED BY EMBASSY DAMASCUS. PAROLE IS GIVEN ONLY AT THE POINT OF ENTRY IN THE U.S. AND ASSUMING PAROLE IS APPROVED, THE FIANCE VISAS WOULD BE CANCELLED AT THAT TIME. MEAN-CONFIDENTIAL

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WHILE, WE HAVE ASKED THE SUITORS TO SUBMIT FIANCE VISA PETITIONS TO INS. THIS WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE ON AUGUST 1, AND I HOPE INS WILL THEN CABLE DAMASCUS WITH AUTHORITY TO ISSUE SUCH VISAS.

3. EMBASSY WILL, HOWEVER, HAVE TO GO THROUGH STANDARD FORMALITIES, OBTAIN BIRTH CERTIFICATES, ETC, FOR THESE

WOMEN.

4. ASSUME MRS. AKMAN IS MARRIED LEGALLY FROM U.S. VIEW-POINT AND CONSUL SHOULD DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES. I HAVE NOT RESEARCHED THIS.

5. BUCAI WIDOW AND CHILDREN WILL HAVE TO COME UNDER SOME OTHER ARRANGEMENT, WHICH I AM NEGOTIATING WITH SCA. IS IT INTENDED THAT BUCAI WIDOW AND CHILDREN WILL COME ON PLANE WITH OTHER SYRIAN JEWISH WOMEN? PLEASE ADVISE.

6. SCA IS DRAFTING APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL FUTURE STEPS, INCLUDING THIS ONE, AND MY COMMENTS, THEREFORE, ARE NOT FULLY AUTHORITATIVE. I FEEL YOU SHOULD KNOW OUR THINKING, HOWEVER.

7. WHEN TIME COMES FOR DEPARTURE, PLEASE GIVE ME--EVEN ON WEEKEND--AS MUCH ADVANCE WARNING AS POSSIBLE SO THAT APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE IN NEW YORK. VANCE

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